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Work programme in the field of population

The Commission on Population and Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 51/176 of 16 December 1996 on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, and 51/219 of 18 December 1996, section I on programme planning, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/2 of 17 July 1996 on follow-up to the Conference and Commission resolution 1996/1 on the work programme in the field of population,

Taking note of the report of the Inter-sessional Meeting of the Bureau of the Commission (Brussels, 28 and 29 June 1996), which was convened pursuant to Commission resolution 1996/1 to review the work programme of the Population Division of the United Nations Secretariat,

Taking note of the progress made on the 1996-1997 work programme and of the serious financial situation of the United Nations Organization,

1. Stresses, in the context of the reform of the United Nations system and the restructuring and revitalization of the intergovernmental process, the importance of continuing the basic work of the Population Division of the United Nations Secretariat on the crucial underpinnings of population estimates and projections; basic population trends and issues, including fertility, mortality, migration, and patterns of rural and urban population change; the evolution of population policies; and understanding links between population and development;

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2. Emphasizes the importance of the Population Division's role as secretariat to the Commission on Population and Development as an essential part of the Division's work programme, and requests the Population Division to continue to give such servicing high priority in undertaking its activities;

3. Takes note of the proposed 1998-1999 work programme, as presented in document E/CN.9/1997/CRP.1;

4. Requests the Population Division, in collaboration with other relevant actors, to build an improved assessment and analysis of international migration as well as an improved understanding of international migration and development;

5. Emphasizes the value of the POPIN system to the international community, and encourages its further development and effective utilization;

6. Emphasizes the importance of preparations being made by the Population Division, in collaboration with the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and other relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental agencies, for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, to be conducted by the Commission in 1999;

7. Underlines the need to enhance the efficiency, effectiveness and capacity of the Population Division in order to successfully implement the above-mentioned preparations.